

RESOLUTION NUMBER 381
Gravois Park Block Link Neighborhood Association

WHEREAS, an intrepid band of committed residents under the leadership of Rita Ford formed a neighborhood organization in October of 1999 in the Gravois Park Neighborhood in the southeast section of the City of St. Louis, bounded by Cherokee (north) and Gravois (northeast); Chippewa (south); Jefferson (east); and Grand (west); and

WHEREAS, the Gravois Park Block Link Neighborhood Association officially was chartered in August 2000; and

WHEREAS, Gravois Park Block Link Neighborhood Association works vigorously for the improvement of the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Gravois Park Block Link Neighborhood Association has worked closely with police; Operation Weed & Seed; Sustainable Neighborhoods; Neighborhood Stabilization Team; Aldermen; City departments and City, State, and National officials to enhance and reinvigorate the Gravois Park Neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Gravois Park has had many successes, including: closing down nuisance properties; encouraging home repair and redevelopment; advocating for improved city services; neighborhoods cleanups; trash and alley pilot projects, including roll-out carts replacing dumpsters; organizing mobile patrols and phone tree communications; acknowledging police, firefighters and resident (out local heroes) with Certificates of Appreciation; establishing a Neighborhood Accountability Board under the auspices of the Juvenile Court to provide restorative justice for youth offenders and their families, victims and the community; and initiating a Court Watch program which has been expanded throughout the City by Circuit Attorney and the Mayor's Office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the achievements of the Gravois Park Block Link Neighborhood Association and offer this Resolution as a formal Certificate of Appreciation from the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis and we direct the Clerk of his Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our distinguished honoree.

Introduced on the 10th day of April, 2009 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen
Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward
Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward
Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Adopted this the 10th day of April, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

